Oxley Nature Center is known for its plentiful trails, its bounteous wildlife and the peace and joy that can be experienced here. But it's also known for the people who have the responsibility of keeping this treasure intact. One of them is Amy Morris Marcoux and you will learn a little more about her many contributions in what follows. Thank you Amy!

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Goodbye, Amy! We will miss you!

Amy Morris Marcoux: Zookeeper, poet, writer, role model, teacher, mentor, artist, photographer, naturalist, and friend.

Amy is retiring from her staff position as of January 31st and will be taking some time off before “re-firing” as an Oxley volunteer. We will miss her day in and day out presence but look forward to joining her on the trail or in the classroom as she continues, in a multitude of ways, to inspire the wonder in us all.

Oxley volunteers know Amy as their organizer, teacher and mentor. Members of Friends of Oxley know her as scheduler and leader of programs, and photographer and writer of poems and essays for the newsletter. Visitors to Oxley know her as the resource for answers to their questions. Thousands of school children, whose lives have been touched by her, know her as that gentle yet enthusiastic naturalist who taught them how to explore with all their senses, celebrated their discoveries, and piqued their curiosity and sense of wonder. We all know her as our friend.

Amy has an unquenchable curiosity about the natural world and, by her own admission, dives down rabbit holes of exploration when preparing for a sensational science or advanced naturalist training program. She is a collector of articles and books and science projects and stray dogs. She is “for the bees”, knows volumes about them and other pollinators, and has enhanced Oxley’s wildflower plots and friends’ flower beds with seeds and plants from her own formidable home habitat garden. She is an investigative journalist who has written an extensive history of Mohawk Park. But most of all she cares deeply about her colleagues, her volunteers, visitors, and all the inhabitants of the eight hundred acres that is Oxley Nature Center.

Thank you Amy!!

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Come and learn about "Nature’s Best Hope" from Douglas Tallamy

**POSTPONED**

February 4
Jenks High School Auditorium, Building 6, 205 E B Street, Jenks, OK
Presentation 8:00
Book signing 5:00-6:00, 7:00-8:00

February 5
University of Central Oklahoma
Nigh University Center's Constitution Hall, Garland Godfrey Dr, Edmond, OK
Presentation 2:00
Book signing 1:00-2:00, 3:00-4:00
Free of Charge
Sponsored by:
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Tulsa Audubon Society
WildCare Oklahoma & Univ of Central Oklahoma
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Mary K. Oxley Nature Center - February Programs

Welcome to Mary K Oxley Nature Center – February 2022 Programs
Call 918-596-9054 for information or to register (please register 48 hours in advance). We will practice social distancing.

5 February “Saturday Morning Birding” Ages: All
Saturday, 8:00-9:45 a.m. Free, registration not required. Join us for birding at Oxley. All skill levels are welcome. Bring binoculars if you have them.

10 February “Volunteer Rendezvous” Ages: 18 and up
Thursday, 10:00-12:00 p.m. or 6:00-8:00 p.m. Registration is requested.
Join us to learn about our various volunteer opportunities. We will have staff and veteran volunteers on hand to answer your questions. We will have snacks available and will go on a short hike.

16 February “Full Snow Moon Walk” Ages: All
Wednesday, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Registration is required. $3 members, $5 non-members.
Please bring exact change (cash or check made out to City of Tulsa). Registration required by Monday, February 14 at 4:00 p.m. Call 918-596-9054 to pre-register.

Will there be snow? Bundle up in layers and join us to explore the rising (8:12 p.m.) of the
19 February “Junior Naturalists: Winter Stewardship” Ages: 8-12 Saturday, 10:00-12:30 p.m. Registration is required. Free for Members, Non-members $5 per session.

Come join us for a morning of adventure and nature connection. This month, we will be learning about Eastern Bluebirds and preparing nesting boxes for spring.

26 February “Explore the Flora” Ages: All Saturday, 10:30-noon Free, registration not required.

Plants are preparing for spring. They seem eager to get started. Buds are swelling and at ground level little ones are sprouting. Let’s see what we can find.

Oxley Nature Center Hours

Gate and parking lot are open daily, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. except most City holidays.

Hiking trails are accessible during Mohawk Park hours, 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.